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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the following documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of WO 00/16151 is found on pages 2 and 3 of the present specification.

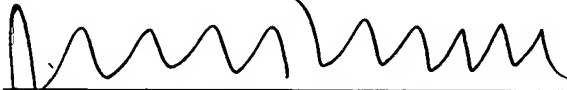
In addition, the remaining documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are also made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these latter items is that we are advised by our client that these references were cited in the corresponding French Application FR 0116980 filed December 28, 2001 and International Application PCT/FR 02/04481 filed December 20, 2002. Copies of the French and International Search Reports in which they

were cited are attached hereto. WO 00/16151 was also cited on both Search Reports and has an English equivalent US 6,470,124.

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